



TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 176]

CHENNAI, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025
Chithirai 9, Visuvaivasu, Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2056

Part III—Section 1(a)

**General Statutory Rules, Notifications, Orders, Regulations, etc.,
issued by Secretariat Departments.**

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1959

[G.O.Ms.No. 37, Natural Resources (MMC.1), 22nd April 2025,
சித்திரை 9, விசுவாவசு, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. SRO A-9(a)/2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Rules,—

(1) in rule 20, in sub-rule (2), for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a)The minimum period of quarrying lease for rough stone in respect of areas not subjected to quarrying so far shall not be less than one year and the maximum period for grant of such lease shall not exceed fifteen years for an area upto five hectares, twenty years for an area above five hectares and less than ten hectares, and thirty years for an area of ten hectares and above. The period of lease for quarrying rough stone in respect of other areas shall be ten years for area upto five hectares, fifteen years for area above five hectares but less than ten hectares and twenty five years for area of ten hectares and above:

Provided that a lessee, who has already been granted with quarrying lease for rough stone for a lesser period may apply for the extension of lease for the increased period as provided in this rule in the Form prescribed in **APPENDIX –VI** along with the approved scheme of mining obtained in terms of sub-rule (9) of rule 41 to the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining at least 180 days before the expiry of the lease period;”;

(2) after rule 44, the following rule shall be added at the end, namely:-

“**45. Amalgamation of Quarry leases.**— (1)The State Government or the District Collector or the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining, whoever granted the quarry leases, may in the interest of mineral development and for reasons to be recorded in writing, permit amalgamation of two or more adjoining leases held by a lessee:

Provided that prior permission from the Chief Inspector of Mines shall be obtained by a lessee under regulation 111 of the Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, before applying for amalgamation of quarry leases.

- (2) Every application for such amalgamation shall be submitted to the authority who granted the quarry lease along with the approved modified mining plan and the modified Environmental Clearance for the combined area.
- (3) The period of such amalgamated leases shall be co-terminus with the lease whose period will expire first.”.

K. PHANINDRA REDDY,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government (FAC).